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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES BY WORLD TRAVEL CENTER

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO ACTIVITIES OF WORLD TRAVEL CENTER (WTC) LOCATED 609 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. (212-371-8485). WTC, ALSO OPERATING AS EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL CENTER, HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY PROMOTING AU PAIR PROGRAM IN EUROPE. WTC HAS ADVERTISED IN SUCH MAGAZINES AS TOWN AND COUNTRY, COSMOPOLITAN, MADEMOISELLE AND MS. COMPANY IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FREDERICK MILLEKER (HOME PHONE 212-928-8148).

2. WTC MAKES MISLEADING CLAIMS ABOUT AU PAIR POSSIBILITIES IN EUROPE AND CHARGES LARGE REGISTRATION/PLACEMENT FEES (US\$75-150) FOR SERVICES. WTC IN FACT IS WORKING THROUGH VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN FRANCE WHICH CHARGE NO FEE FOR MAKING AU PAIR ARRANGEMENTS. AMONG THE MISLEADING CLAIMS MADE BY WTC ARE THAT NO FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS NECESSARY (IN FACT SOME FRENCH IS NORMALLY ESSENTIAL FOR ANY AU PAIR POSITION IN FRANCE) AND THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO AU PAIR APPLICANTS THAT AU PAIR JOBS CAN BE ARRANGED ON THE SPOT IN PARIS WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS OF ARRIVAL.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM GIRLS ARRIVING IN PARIS WHO FOUND THAT PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES OF WTC HAD RECEIVED NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF THEIR ARRIVAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE UNABLE TO ARRANGE AU PAIR POSITIONS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. CONOFF HAS SPOKEN SEVERAL TIMES WITH MILLEKER WHO SEEMS VAGUE AND NON-COMMITTAL ON ARRANGEMENTS AND ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES IN

FRANCE. HOWEVER, UP TO THE PRESENT, ACCOMODATIONS  
HAVE BEEN FOUND FOR ALL GIRLS.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS PROBLEM AND REPORT  
ANY FURTHER FAILURE OF WTC TO LIVE UP TO ITS CLAIMS.  
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